

the homeless. A public body or non-profit organization is a nonprogram applicant. All other SFH credit sales on nonprogram terms will be handled in accordance with subpart J of part 1951 of this chapter.

(a) *Method of sale.* The method of sale is according to §1955.112 of this subpart. Upon request from a public body or nonprofit organization, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will provide a list of all SFH inventory property, regardless of whether it is listed for sale with real estate brokers. The list will indicate whether the property is program or nonprogram. Upon written notice of the organization's intent to buy a specific property, if it is not under a sale contract, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will withdraw the property from the market for a period not to exceed 30 days to provide the organization sufficient time to execute Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1955-45.

(b) *Price.* The price of the property will be established according to §1955.113 of this subpart; however, a 10 percent discount of the listed price is authorized on nonprogram property. No discount is authorized on program property.

(c) *Decent, safe and sanitary (DSS) standards.* If an organization wants to buy a property which does not meet DSS standards, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will repair it to meet those standards, including thermal performance standards, unless FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 determines it is not feasible to do so according to §1955.64(a)(1)(ii) of subpart B of part 1955 of this chapter. The price will be adjusted to reflect any resulting change in value. Cosmetic repairs, if needed, such as painting, floor covering, landscaping, etc., are the responsibility of the organization. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1955-44, itemizing the required repairs and FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's agreement to complete them before closing will be made a part of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1955-45, the sales contract, before it is signed. Re-

quired repairs must be completed before closing so DSS restrictions will not be required in the deed.

(d) *Approval and closing.* Processing cash sales or MFH credit sales on nonprogram terms is according to §1955.118 of this subpart, except as follows:

(1) *Earnest money deposit.* No earnest money deposit is required.

(2) *Downpayment.* No downpayment is required.

(3) *Term of note.* The term of the note may not exceed 30 years.

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#### § 1955.120 Payment of points (housing).

To effect regular sale of inventory SFH property to a purchaser who is financing the purchase of the property with a non-FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loan, the County Supervisor may authorize the payment by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 of not more than three points. The payment must be a customary requirement of the lender for the seller within the community where the property is located. Terms of payment will be incorporated in Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1955-45 and will be fixed as of the date the form is signed by the appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 official. Points will *not* be paid to reduce the purchaser's interest rate. The payment will be deducted from the funds to be received by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 at closing. These payments will be handled in accordance with subpart B of part 1951 of this chapter.

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#### CHATTEL PROPERTY

#### § 1955.121 Sale of acquired chattels (chattel).

Sections 1955.122 through 1955.124 of this subpart prescribe procedures for the sale of all acquired chattel property except real property rights. The State Director is authorized to sell acquired chattels by auction, sealed bid,

regular sale or, for perishable items and crops, by negotiated sale. The State Director may redelegate authority to any qualified FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employee.

**§ 1955.122 Method of sale (chattel).**

Acquired chattels will be sold as expeditiously as possible using the method(s) considered most appropriate. If the chattel is not sold within 180 days after acquisition, assistance will be requested as outlined in §1955.143 of this subpart.

(a) *Sale to beginning farmers or ranchers.* Beginning farmers or ranchers obtaining special OL loan assistance under §1941.15 of subpart A of part 1941 of this chapter will receive priority in the purchase of farm equipment held in government inventory during the commitment period. The County Supervisor will notify such applicants/borrowers of any farm equipment held in government inventory within the service area of the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 County Office. These applicants/borrowers will be given 10 working days to respond that they are interested in purchasing any or all items of equipment at the appraised fair market value established by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Form Letter 1955-C-1 will be used to notify applicants/borrowers of the availability of farm equipment in FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 inventory. The equipment must be essential to the success of the operation described in the loan application in order for the applicant to have an opportunity to purchase such equipment. The County Supervisor will determine what equipment is essential.

(b) *Regular sale.* Chattels will be sold by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employees at market value to program applicants. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 440-21, "Appraisal of Chattel Property," will be used when appraising chattels for regular sale.

(c) *Auctions.* Section 1955.148 of this subpart provides detailed guidance on

auctions applicable to the sale of chattels, as supplemented by this section.

(1) *Established public auction.* An established public auction is an auction that is widely advertised and held on a regularly scheduled basis at the same facility. This method of sale is particularly suited for the sale of commodities, farm machinery and livestock. No additional public notice of sale is required other than that commonly used by the facility. This is the preferred method of disposal.

(2) *Other auctions.* Other auctions, whether conducted by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 employees or fee auctioneers, are suitable for on-premises sales, for sale of dissimilar chattels, and for the sale of chattels in conjunction with the auction of real property. A minimum of 5 days public notice will be given prior to the date of auction.

(d) *Sealed bid sales.* Section 1955.147 of this subpart provides detailed guidance on sealed bid sales applicable to the sale of chattels. When it is believed that financing will have to be provided through a credit sale, this method has advantages over auction sales. It requires, however, additional steps in the event any established minimum price is not obtained. Preference will be given to a cash offer which is at least \_\_\_\_\*percent of the highest offer requiring credit.

[\*Refer to exhibit B of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Instruction 440.1 (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office) for the current percentage.]

(e) *Negotiated sale.* Perishable acquired items and crops (except timber) and chattels for which no acceptable bid was received from auction or sealed bid methods may be sold by direct negotiation for the best price obtainable. Preference will be given to a cash offer which is at least \_\_\_\_\*percent of the highest offer requiring credit. [\*Refer to exhibit B of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 Instruction 440.1 (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 office) for the current percentage.] No public notice is required to negotiate with interested parties including priorbidders. Justification for the use of this method of